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For: **GENERATION OF VIRTUAL COMBINATORIAL LIBRARIES OF COMPOUNDS**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In connection with the above-identified continuation application filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 7, 8, 12 and 13 as indicated.

7. (Amended) A method of identifying *in silico* each compound of a virtual library of compounds comprising:

selecting each of said compounds for said virtual library and, for each, dissecting said [compounds] compound into fragments; and

identifying each of said fragments in terms of a transformation wherein said transformation is a one to one link between the fragment and a reagent used to introduce said fragment into a compound.